

Gbeya language

Gbeya (*Gbéyá*, Gbaya-Bossangoa) is a [Gbaya language](#) of the Central African Republic. *Ethnologue* reports it may be mutually intelligible with [Bozom](#).^[3]

Suma (Súmā) is a language variety closely related to Gbeya.^[4]

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Phonology

Consonants

Gbeya	
Native to	Central African Republic
Native speakers	ca. 250,000 (1996–2005) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Savannas ▪ Gbaya ▪ Western ▪ Bokoto–Bozom ▪ Gbeya
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: gbp – Gbaya-Bossangoa sqm – Suma
Glottolog	gbey1244 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/gbey1244) ^[2]

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Labialvelar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	voiceless	p	t			k	kp	?
	voiced	b	d			g	gb	
	prenasalized	m̩b	n̩d			ŋg	ŋ̩m̩gb	
	ingressive	b̩	d̩					
<u>Nasal</u>	preglottalized	ʔm	ʔn					
	plain	m	n			ŋ	ŋm̩	
<u>Fricative</u>	voiceless	f		s				h
	voiced	v		z				
<u>Lateral</u>				l				
<u>Tap/Flap</u>		v	r					
<u>Approximant</u>					j		w	

Vowels

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	i	u
<u>Close-mid</u>	e	o
<u>Open-mid</u>	ɛ	ɔ
<u>Open</u>	a	

[5]

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